

Violent Crime Victim Assistance Grantees Fiscal Year 2004
Office of Illinois Attorney General LISA MADIGAN
Peoria Press Conference: Program Descriptions

Grantees in Livingston, Marshall, McLean, Peoria and Tazewell Counties

Livingston County

1. **Livingston County State's Attorney's Office; Pontiac, IL; \$19,106:**
Prosecutor-based victim/witness program serving victims of violent crime within Livingston County. This program began in 1986 as a result of receiving VCVA funds. Services provided include case status/notification, information and referrals, criminal justice information, victim compensation assistance, court advocacy, emotional support and assistance with orders of protection.

Marshall County

1. **Marshall County State's Attorney's Office; Lacon, IL; \$23,702:**
Prosecutor-based victim/witness program serving victims within Marshall, Stark and Putnam Counties. The program began as a result of receiving VCVA funds in 1993. Services provided include case notification/status, criminal justice information, information and referrals, victim compensation assistance, assistance with orders of protection, emotional support, court and social service advocacy and community awareness.

McLean County

1. **McLean County Child Protection Network; Bloomington, IL; \$16,500:**
Children's advocacy center begun in 1990 as an outgrowth of the County Advisory Board with a goal of providing improved and coordinated services to victims of child sexual assault. In 1994, the voters of McLean County passed a tax referendum which continues to supplement operating expenses and current services. The following services are provided to child victims and their non-offending family members: crisis intervention, 24-hour hotline, individual counseling, support groups, social service advocacy, death review, court assistance, referrals, professional training and multidisciplinary team reviews.
2. **McLean County State's Attorney's Office; Bloomington, IL; \$24,000:**
This prosecutor-based program began providing services in 1980 when an unpaid intern from ISU was placed with the office for the purpose of developing the program. The office has increased prosecution success by providing victims and witnesses with

emotional support and ongoing information concerning the court system and their court case. Additional services offered include criminal justice information, victim compensation assistance, restitution information, arranged transportation, community referrals, property return assistance, witness call off, employer intervention, court advocacy and post-trial information.

3. ISU on behalf of For Children's Sake; Normal, IL; \$24,897:

For Children's Sake (FCS) counseling service for children was begun in January 1995 after collaborative discussions between the local shelter, Countering Domestic Violence/Neville House, and ISU Psychological Services Center. The program was developed to address the mental health needs of dependent children of adults who have experienced family violence. FCS also provides doctoral candidates an opportunity to view first hand the psychological effects of family violence on children - an opportunity they would never receive in a classroom. The children are seen individually and in groups. The non-offending parent also receives counseling services. In 2002, graduate students were further mandated to complete Domestic Violence Certification training. Services provided include psychological assessment and counseling, parenting education, information and referrals, crisis intervention and individual issue counseling.

4. Mid Central Community Action/Countering Domestic Violence/Neville House; Bloomington, IL; \$18,000:

Mid Central Community Action is a social service agency that provides numerous services to citizens of McLean County. In 1987, Mid Central founded the Countering Domestic Violence program, the existing family violence shelter for the county. Services offered include emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, medical advocacy, order of protection assistance, advocacy, children's services, community advocacy, individual & group counseling, family counseling and case management.

Peoria County

1. Bartonville Police Department; Bartonville, IL; \$6,500:

Police-based program concentrates mainly on senior citizen issues within the City of Bartonville. Formalized services such as home visits, emotional support, court advocacy, criminal justice information and support, community awareness and prevention programs began after receiving VCVA funds in 2002.

2. Center For Prevention of Abuse; Peoria, IL; \$19,500:

Family violence, sexual assault and elder abuse program. This award is designated to assist victims of family violence and their minor children in the three county area of Peoria, Woodford and Tazewell Counties. This program began as a result of community need in 1975. Services offered include shelter, orders of protection assistance, transportation, court and social service advocacy, information and referrals, 24-hour

hotline, support groups and community awareness, and prevention education.

3. Center For Prevention of Abuse; Peoria, IL; \$20,218:

Family violence, sexual assault and elder abuse program. In 1991, this agency expanded services to meet the growing needs of victims of family violence and their minor children living within Peoria's public housing. VCVA funds have allowed this agency to bring services to clients that would not access services at the shelter.

4. Center For Prevention of Abuse; Peoria, IL; \$18,586:

Family violence, sexual assault and elder abuse program. This award is designated to assist senior victims of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation within the six county area of Fulton, Marshall, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell and Woodford Counties. The agency began providing services to elderly victims in 1985. Services provided include abuse and neglect investigations, 24-hour hotline, shelter, court and medical advocacy, support groups, information and referrals, early intervention services, case management, community awareness and prevention education.

5. Peoria County Sheriff's Office; Peoria, IL; \$16,450:

Police-based program began in 1996 as a result of receiving VCVA funds. Services such as information and referrals, emotional support, social service and medical advocacy, assistance with crime victims compensation, case investigation updates and prevention programs are offered to all citizens and victims within Peoria County.

6. Peoria County State's Attorney's Office; Peoria, IL; \$25,750:

One of the country's oldest prosecutor-based victim/witness programs, beginning in 1978. Services are provided to all victims and witnesses within Peoria County. Services provided include criminal justice information, assistance with crime victims compensation, case status, emotional support, court advocacy, assistance with victim impact statements, restitution assistance, information and referrals.

7. Peoria County State's Attorney's Office, Children's Advocacy Center; Peoria, IL; \$20,000:

Child victimization based program serving all child victims of sexual abuse under the age of 18 and cases of severe physical abuse or death under the age of 14. This program began providing the following services to Peoria County in 1998: information, referrals, criminal justice information, court assistance, social service advocacy, emotional support, multidisciplinary teams and community education.

8. Peoria Police Department; Peoria, IL; \$17,000:

This police-based program began providing services in 1994, in the City of Peoria, to all victims and/or their families. Their emphasis is on family violence. Services they provide include crisis intervention, legal advocacy, crime victims compensation assistance, information and referrals, emotional support, social service and medical

advocacy, assistance with property return, case investigation update and community/prevention education.

Tazewell County

1. Tazewell County Children's Advocacy Center; Pekin, IL; \$15,000:

This child victimization based program began providing services to Tazewell and Woodford County victims of child sexual assault, abuse and serious physical abuse in 1999. Services provided include crisis intervention, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, social service advocacy, criminal justice information, information and referrals, assistance with orders of protection, multidisciplinary teams and community awareness.

2. Tazewell County Office of Court Services; Pekin, IL; \$7,000:

This program provides abuser education to Tazewell County probationers who either by charge or background are involved in family violence. This program, beginning in 1993, provides 26-week classes regarding non-violent responses to difficult situations, information, referrals, social service advocacy, crisis intervention, support groups, 24-hour crisis line and professional training.